

**A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CHARACTERS OKONKWO OF
'THINGS FALL APART' AND OOMAIYAN OF 'RIVER OF A HAMLET'**

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ABSTRACT

Comparative Literature focuses on the study of literature from different cultures, nations, and genres, and explores relationships between literature and other forms of cultural expression. It also studies and compares texts from a range of cultural contexts, historical periods, or literary movements.

This study compares two characters – Okonkwo of 'Things Fall Apart' and Oomaiyan of 'River of a Hamlet' each from a different nation, culture and different genre (drama and poem) and discovers similarities and dissimilarities between these two characters. These similarities and dissimilarities are found in their fame, physical abilities and fate. It sheds light on how the characters resemble each other and how they differ from each other. This comparative study instates the underlying principle of literature that literature shape and responds to values, social movements, or political contexts. It throws light on how two writers of different culture and nation produced characters with certain similitudes.

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